

Sub 2 a8 1 A stanchion comprising:

an elongated member having a first end secured to a fixed structure, said elongated member extending generally linearly, away from said first end to an opposing terminal end; and

a sleeve having an elongated body extending generally between two opposing ends, said sleeve having an interior cavity extending along said sleeve and through one of said two opposing ends, said interior cavity having a cross-sectional shape adapted to receive said elongated member in slip fit engagement, said

elongated member being positioned and received within said interior cavity; and said other opposing end of said sleeve having a closed, hemispherically shaped dome top.

2. The method of at least partially encasing a stanchion, comprising the steps of:

providing a sleeve having an elongated body with two opposing ends and an interior cavity extending along said elongated body and through one end of said elongated body;

forming said interior chamber with a cross-sectional shape adapted to receive said stanchion in slip fit engagement;

inserting said stanchion into said interior cavity; and

forcing said sleeve onto said stanchion, to a desired position on said stanchion, to at least partially encase said stanchion.